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SUBJ: CSCE POLICY: HUMAN CONTACTS--TRAVEL AND YOUTH

REF: A) GENEVA 1726 B) GENEVA 2133 C) STATE 67974 D) STATE 71286

1. THIS CABLE REVIEWS THE STATUS OF THE TRAVEL TEXT AND DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING SOVIET DESIRE FOR REFERENCE TO GROUPS OF WORKERS AND TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TRAVEL TEXT AND TO YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING IN THE YOUTH TEXT. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING THE ISSUE IN THE NATO CAUCUS, WE RAISED WITH THE SOVIETS THE PROBLEM OF MENTION OF LABOR UNIONS OR WORKERS IN THE TRAVEL TEXT, BUT DID NOT PROPOSE ALTERNATE LANGUAGE (SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE D) IN DEFERENCE TO ALLIED VIEW THAT DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS OF SOVIET FIFTH PARA SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNTIL SOVIETS ACCEPT DISCUSSION OF ALL FIVE TRAVEL PARAS IN PARALLEL. WE ALSO MENTIONED IN NATO CAUCUS AND TO SOVIETS THE RELATED PROBLEM OF
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YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING IN YOUTH TEXT.

3. SOVIET REACTION ON TRAVEL TEXT WAS TO ASK IF USG COULD ACCEPT A REFERENCE ALONG THE LINES "REPRESENTATIVES OF SIMILAR PROFESSIONS". WE TOLD SOVIETS WE THOUGHT THIS IDEA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE JUDGMENT UNTIL THEY PROVIDED US WITH A DRAFT TEXT.

4. AT SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETING ON TRAVEL TEXT, THE AUSTRIAN REP SUGGESTED ORALLY AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF PARA FIVE: BEGIN TEXT: THE ABOVE WILL APPLY TO FACILITATING BOTH TRAVEL BY CITIZENS OF ONE PARTICIPATING STATE TO ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE AND MEETINGS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. END TEXT.

5. WESTERN AND SOVIET REPS AGREED THAT AUSTRIAN TEXT WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR LATER DISCUSSION WITHOUT ANY DELEGATION BEING TIED TO IT IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND THAT ALL FIVE PARAS OF THE TRAVEL TEXT WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN PARALLEL.

6. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE SOVIET DEL APPROACHED US AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN REACHING AGREEMENT BEFORE THE NEXT INFORMAL MEETING. WE REPLIED THAT WE WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN PROMPT AGREEMENT AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THE TEXT WITH THEM AT ANY TIME. WE POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING WOULD BE CALLED ON SHORT NOTICE. WE ANTICIPATE WE WILL BE HEARING FROM THE SOVIETS SOON.

7. WE BELIEVE AUSTRIAN TEXT MEETS OUR NEEDS, AND RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO IT AT APPROPRIATE TIME, KEEPING PHRASEOLOGY SUGGESTED IN STATE 71286 IN RESERVE, SHOULD A SITUATION ARISE IN WHICH IT MAY BE USEFUL. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BEARING IN MIND THAT NEXT MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT COULD BE ORGANIZED BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK. ABRAMS

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